

I M P L I C I T

2022 ACUITY Cabernet Sauvignon



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Rutherford AVA 115 Cases Produced Alcohol % 15.4 Harvest Date 10/4/2022 Bottling Date 7/29/2024 22 Months in 60% New French Oak Nestled in the heart of the Rutherford AVA, the distinguished Star Vineyard enjoys the valley's widest stretch, basking in abundant sunshine and cool nights. Its fertile soils—a mix of gravelly alluvial and volcanic—imbue the vines with remarkable depth and complexity. This vineyard yields Cabernet Sauvignon of unmatched character: wines with fine, grainy tannins, vibrant fruit, and an enduring allure. The interplay of nature and nurture crafts wines that epitomize the elegance and legacy of Rutherford's viticultural excellence.

The 2022 grape harvest in Rutherford AVA was marked by extremes. A mild early season gave way to a severe September heatwave, prompting an early pick for many red varietals. Mid-September rains briefly halted harvest, but cooler October weather allowed remaining grapes to mature fully. Rutherford's unique soils and conditions yielded Cabernet with deep color, structured tannins, and that signature "Rutherford dust" minerality. The vintage stands out for its vivid fruit, crisp acidity, and elegant balance.

Winemaker Notes: This is quite an exciting wine with a brilliant ruby red core and garnet rim. The aromatics are quite vibrant and dominated by fresh red fruits including ripe cherries, raspberries, red currants and even a subtle touch of dried herbs. Upon each swirl of the glass, Acuity is an enjoyable roller coaster of a nose with even an underlying layer of oak spice and barrel vanillin that is quite attractive. On the palate, the mouth surrounds with more wild berries, plums, a hint of graphite and a mouthwatering acidity. This is a lively, fruit forward wine with a stamp of freshness and enduring elegance. I believe cellared correctly, this will be a 15-year wine in the cellar and perhaps even longer. $\sim Kirk Venge$